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Today we celebrate **another critical victory for Indigenous rights in Brazil!**

Unwilling to accept the recent Supreme Court decision to **strike down the nefarious “Marco Temporal” maneuver** – which sought to strip land rights from Indigenous communities – **agribusiness and right-wing forces** in Brazil’s legislature **passed a law attempting to invalidate those rights** and once again steal land from Brazil’s Indigenous peoples. **But President Lula vetoed this law late Friday** and sent a clear message that Indigenous rights will be protected.

After weeks of national and international pressure, **Lula vetoed key parts of Bill 2903**, which attempted to reimpose the “Marco Temporal” thesis. He also vetoed sections of the law allowing **mining, road construction, and GMO agriculture on Indigenous lands.**

As **Sonia Guajajara, Minister of Brazil’s Indigenous Peoples**, explains:

“Lula also vetoed the attempt to **abolish the Indigenous right to Free Prior and Informed Consultation**, the section of the law that made it easier to intrude upon the **territories of isolated Indigenous peoples**, as well as the article that would have **prohibited the expansion of Indigenous lands** that are already demarcated. But the essential thing is that **the president’s vetoes guarantee the protection of Indigenous land rights.**”
Yet the risks to Brazil’s Indigenous peoples and their rights are still immense. The agribusiness caucus of Brazil’s congress will be working furiously this week to **override these vetoes and push forward even more extreme legislation.** Amazon Watch will continue to work closely with our partners in Brazil’s Indigenous movement to **challenge the forces bent on Amazon destruction.**

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"Killers of the Flower Moon" Is a Lesson in the Bloody History of the Osage Murders of the 1920s

Manohla Dargis, The New York Times

Dargis writes: "Martin Scorsese's three-and-a-half-hour epic, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, is a romance, a western, a whodunit and a lesson in the bloody history of the Osage murders of the 1920s."

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“Waší·šiw gumtánu gašáše·seti”

Learn about the Washoe Tribe of NV and CA

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Cultural Exhibit at the Minden Library

November 1 - November 30

In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, the Douglas County Public Library is honored to partner with the Washoe Tribe of NV and CA to share their tribal history and culture on exhibit at the Minden Library. Learn about the original people of the Carson Valley and Tahoe Basin - the Wá·šiw/Washoe who lived in the area since the beginning of time and are still here today.

Minden Library Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday:
10:00 - 7:00pm

Thursday & Friday: 10:00 - 6:00pm

Saturday: 10:00 - 5:00pm

Sunday: Closed



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Bixi Nibe

The beautiful plains were soon turned into a dessert of dead buffalo by the thousands. Baby buffalo were left motherless to die. Buffalo wounded would wander for days and then die. These were the days of Buffalo Bill one of the most ignorant men that ever lived!!



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The Brooklyn Public Library has announced that any teenager in America is now eligible for a Brooklyn Public Library card.

Teens can sign out ebooks + audiobooks from wherever they live.

The move is designed to combat censorship, with some titles listed as "always available."

Norm Cavanaugh

Traditional Shoshoni teachings, once we leave this world our Spirit joins the many relatives traveling on the Milky Way trail to the Spirit World. Our Uncle Bombo(nape) left us 4 months ago to travel on this trail and I am sure he is rejoicing with family and friends now, however, when he left that hot July day from St. Lukes Hospice Care in Boise, Idaho. My son (such a blessing in helping me) and I began the search for a Funeral Chapel that was professional and had a choice of coffins including Costco. We met with Roast Funeral Chapel in Mtn. Home which our Tribe utilizes a lot, since they offer families up to \$2500.00 burial assistance. Unfortunately, the lady we met with only offered 1 choice of coffin for \$2800.00 made by the Mennonites (pine wood) and fake pendleton cloth for inside of the coffin, we were not impressed! We wanted the best for our Uncle Bombo! So, we called Relyeah Funeral Chapel in Boise, Idaho and made an appointment to meet with the Director.

Mr. Dorm, Director was very professional and did a power point presentation for us on the Federal Trade Commission Statute regarding burials and then a large selection of coffins with prices ranging from 750.00 on up to the thousands. He explained the difference between sealed and unsealed coffins. We decided on the unsealed which means eventually our Uncle's body will turn to dust naturally. We selected a beautiful Cherry wood coffin for \$1800.00 plus preparation of his body for a total cost of \$2,728.00 including 3 Death Certificates. We greatly appreciate Sho-Pai Tribes assisting with the \$2500.00.

Now shopping for flowers was another story, fortunately, my son has a friend that can prepare casket covering fresh flowers and a wreath. The boutonnieres were expensive, nonetheless, total cost of flowers approximately \$600.00. Food for the feed was 150 pieces of chicken and going away celebration cake from Albertsons. Aunt cooked turkey and other family members brought food for the community feed.

Hopefully, this information will help others when it comes time to shopping for a Funeral Chapel for their loved one in terms of finding a place that is reasonable and provides top rate service. Blessings to those in mourning at this time.

After Dam Removal, Washington State Tribe Fishes for Salmon on Elwha River for First Time in More Than a Century

Cristen Hemingway Jaynes, EcoWatch

Excerpt: "The dams were removed in August of 2014, but the tribe had to wait for a run of salmon that was healthy enough to be fished. Now, for the first time in more than a hundred years, members of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe are fishing for coho salmon on the free-flowing river."

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The Globe-Trotting Scholar Who Unlocked the Secrets of the Aztecs

Anthropologist Zelia Nuttall transformed the way we think of ancient Mesoamerica

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/zelia-nuttall-globe-trotting-scholar-unlocked-secrets-aztecs-180983049/>

Secretary Haaland Highlights President's Investing in America Agenda in Alaska

ANCHORAGE — Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland wrapped up a multi-day visit to Alaska today, where she highlighted how historic resources from President Biden's Investing in America agenda are supporting Alaska's Tribal communities by bolstering climate resiliency, investing in co-stewardship and salmon conservation, and strengthening local economies. To date, the Biden-Harris administration has announced over \$5.3 billion for the [state of Alaska](#) to further these goals.

Secretary Haaland, Solicitor Bob Anderson, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland, and Senior Advisor Raina Thiele participated in the 2023 Alaska Federation of Natives Convention in Anchorage over several days. Secretary Haaland's remarks on Friday underscored the Department of the Interior's commitment to supporting Tribes dealing with the impacts of the climate crisis through new investments from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act. The Department has focused significant resources in Alaska that range from the launch of a new [Voluntary Community-Driven Relocation program](#) and resources for [wildfire resiliency](#) to programs to address [legacy pollution](#) left by extractive industries and the Department's new "[Gravel to Gravel](#)" initiative.

The Interior team traveled to the community of Ninilchik to tour the Deep Creek Watershed [fish passage](#). With more than \$1.3 million in funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the project will help remove two fish barriers and provide safe, efficient, and reliable access to subsistence resources. Removal of these barriers will provide access to spawning and rearing habitat for Pink, Coho and Chinook salmon as well as Steelhead Trout and Dolly Varden. The project is a partnership between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Kenai Peninsula Borough, the Ninilchik Native Association Inc., and the Ninilchik Traditional Council, an example of the collaborative partnerships at the center of President Biden's Investing in America agenda.

Secretary Haaland also visited two sites making great use of funds from the [Great American Outdoors Act \(GAOA\)](#). The Campbell Tract, a 730-acre parcel managed by the Bureau of Land Management, is located in the heart of Alaska's largest urban area that provides outdoor recreation opportunities for more than 500,000 visitors annually. With a \$3.5 million investment from the GAOA, Campbell Tract's Campbell Creek Science Center is making improvements to traffic flow and public safety by eliminating hazardous pedestrian and vehicle conflicts.

Secretary Haaland traveled to Kenai National Wildlife Refuge to tour various GAOA-funded projects. The refuge received \$13.5 million in GAOA funding to address more than 30 deferred maintenance backlogged projects, including improving river access and employee housing, creating a safer and more ecologically friendly access for visitors, and installing new culverts to improve fish passage in the Kenai Peninsula.

The GAOA established the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund (GAOA LRF), bipartisan investment that improves visitor experiences, bolsters climate resiliency, and invests in the economy by creating good-paying jobs in our national parks, wildlife refuges, recreation areas and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)-funded schools. Since 2021, GAOA LRF projects have supported an average of 17,000 jobs and generated an average of \$1.8 billion for local economies annually. GAOA's LRF funding sunsets after fiscal year 2025 and would need to be reauthorized by Congress to continue the efforts underway to address significant infrastructure needs across public lands.

During her visit, Secretary Haaland also traveled to Seward to visit the Alaska Sealife Center, a unique facility that maintains a public aquarium with species native to Alaska and participates in marine research and wildlife response. She also visited the Alutiiq Pride Marine Institute, an intertribal research facility focused on coastal and marine ecosystem health. At the Center,

Secretary Haaland was briefed on the long-standing partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and heard from experts on their work to research and recover Alaska's marine environment. At the Institute, the Secretary heard from Tribal leaders and staff about their work to keep Alaska's ecosystems resilient for current and future generations.

Secretary Haaland and Assistant Secretary Newland hosted the 10th stop on "The Road to Healing" at the Alaska Native Heritage Center. This tour across the country is providing Native survivors of the federal Indian boarding school system and their descendants an opportunity to share their experiences as part of the Department's [Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative](#).

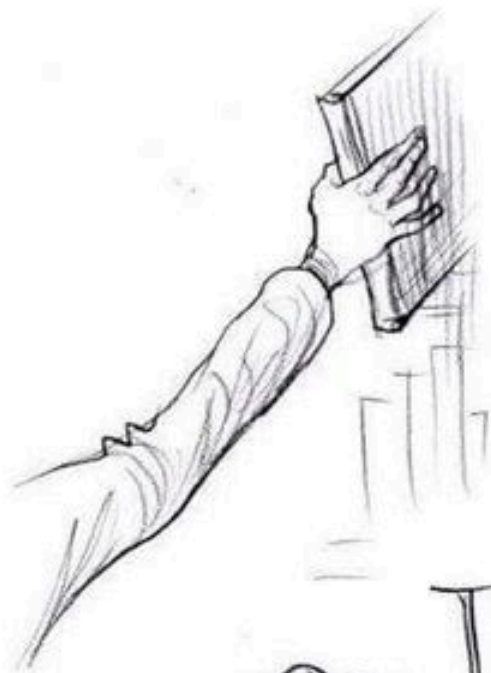
This week's trip to Alaska – the Secretary's third in 2.5 years – is the latest in a series of visits from senior Interior Department leaders. In August, [Deputy Secretary Tommy Beaudreau](#) visited the state with Senior Advisor to the President and White House Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator Mitch Landrieu to highlight how investments from President Biden's Investing in America agenda are supporting Tribal communities impacted by climate change and advancing co-stewardship and salmon conservation across the Yukon, Kuskokwim and Norton Sound Region. In April, [Assistant Secretary Newland](#) and his team toured Alaska where he highlighted investments to advance Tribal climate resilience and combat the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous peoples.

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EPA Announces Nearly \$128 Million for Environmental Justice Projects

Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced nearly \$128 million to fund 186 projects across the country that advance environmental justice as part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda. The organizations, which EPA has selected through its Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreement and Environmental Justice Government-to-Government programs, will use the funds to ensure disadvantaged communities that have historically suffered from underinvestment have access to clean air and water and climate resilience solutions in alignment with the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice40 Initiative.

"No President has invested more in environmental justice than President Biden, and under his leadership we're removing longstanding barriers and meaningfully collaborating with communities to build a healthier future for all," **said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan.** "Together, these community-driven projects will improve the health, equity, and resilience of communities while setting a blueprint for local solutions that can be applied across the nation."

EPA has selected 98 Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreement recipients to receive up to \$500,000 each, and 88 Environmental Justice Government-to-Government grant recipients to receive up to \$1,000,000 each to support these efforts. The selections announced today account for approximately \$104 million in Inflation Reduction Act funding with additional funding provided through regular annual appropriations to EPA. Every grant announced today delivers on President Biden's commitment to advance equity and justice throughout the United States. The two grant programs directly advance the President's [transformational Justice40 Initiative](#) to deliver 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.

The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving (EJCPS) Program

EPA's EJCPS program provides financial assistance to eligible organizations working to address local environmental or public health issues in their communities. The 98 EJCPS selections, which are all funded through Inflation Reduction Act, will work to address the diverse set of challenges facing communities with environmental justice concerns, including threats from wildfires and other climate impacts; indoor and outdoor air quality; access to healthy food; water quality and toxic pollution; and the ability to develop health impact assessments, emergency response plans, and economic revitalization initiatives.

The program builds upon President Biden's Executive Orders [13985](#) and [14008](#), creating a designation of funds exclusively for small nonprofit organizations, which are defined as having 5 or fewer full-time employees, thus ensuring that grant resources reach organizations of lower capacity that historically struggle to receive federal funding. Eleven of the organizations selected for EJCPS this year are small nonprofit organizations, receiving over \$1.6 million in total.

Highlights from the EJCPS grant selections include the following:

- **2CMississippi** (Jackson, MS) will replace abandoned, blighted properties in the most overburdened and underserved communities in Jackson, Mississippi with a system of 15

microparks to address climate change-induced flood risk by increasing equitable access to green infrastructure while strengthening community cohesion.

- **TerraGraphics International Foundation Inc** (Boise, ID) will adapt the federal National Incident Management System (NIMS4MIM) framework rapid response strategy for disaster preparedness, including wildfire and mining emergencies, in Shoshone-Paiute Tribe of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation (DVIR) in Boise, Idaho. This system will increase local knowledge of emergency preparedness, enhance technical capacity to assess potential mining impacts, strengthen collaborative decision making in emergency response for mines, protect DVIR's environmental, wildlife, and cultural resources for future generations, and support adaption of the response system with other Tribes.
- The **Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health** (Boston, MA), a small non-profit organization, will engage, educate, and organize Boston Public School youth through youth-led workshops held in classrooms, clubs, and after-school programs. This will help build their collective power and influence over repairs, renovations, and new construction in the school district. They also will conduct a Health Impact Assessment based on project recommendations.
- **Accompanying Returning Citizens with Hope** (Columbus, OH) will support individuals who are reentering the workforce society after serving prison terms with secure employment through their Reentry Solar workforce program focused on low-cost clean energy solar projects for nonprofits in Columbus, Ohio. This skilled emerging workforce will play a pivotal role in reducing 7,000,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions over 20 years and yield the green energy equivalent of powering 85,000 homes with solar for a year.
- To see the full listing of all 98 organizations receiving an EJCPs grant and to learn more about EJCPs, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/environmental-justice/environmental-justice-collaborative-problem-solving-cooperative-agreement-0>.

The Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program

EPA's EJG2G provides funding at the state, local, territorial, and Tribal level to support government activities in partnership with community-based organizations that lead to measurable environmental or public health impacts in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms. The 88 EJG2G selections will address many environmental justice challenges, including indoor and outdoor air quality; exposure to toxic pollution in homes; water quality; access to healthy food and affordable transportation; and emergency preparedness. Highlights from the EJG2G grant selections include the following:

- The **North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ)** and its partners will fill gaps in radon awareness, testing, and mitigation in a campaign to reduce radon's impacts in low-income homes in three pilots across North Dakota. NDDEQ and partners will distribute 600 radon tests to the pilot regions, improve existing and develop new radon information for Limited English Proficiency individuals, and create healthy homes for 50 low-income families by providing radon testing and mitigation services.
- Through the **Flagstaff Regional Resilience Project, the City of Flagstaff** (Arizona) and its partners will implement a wildfire-focused project that will develop a transferable "hub and spoke" model for community-led Resilience Hubs and corresponding "spoke" activities, which include expanding air quality data and improving health outcomes for those affected by wildfire smoke/dust.
- The **Home Electrification & Revitalization Opportunity (HERO) program** (Rochester, NY) will create sustainable, all-electric homes that incorporate air-source heat pumps, high levels of insulation and air sealing, heat pump water heaters, electric appliances,

rooftop solar where feasible, and electric vehicle charging into houses rehabilitated through the City of Rochester's existing whole-house rehabilitation programs. Through HERO, the City and its partners will improve electrification and clean energy for city residents disproportionately overburdened by the impacts of climate change who are least able to adapt to these impacts.

To see the full listing of all the selected 88 EJG2G projects and to learn more about EJG2G, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-government-government-program>.

"From Day One, President Biden and Vice President Harris laid out a vision to tackle the climate crisis by putting the communities who've borne the brunt of industrial and power plant pollution at the front of the line for new investment," **said John Podesta, Senior Advisor to the President for Clean Energy Innovation and Implementation.** "Today's awards from the EPA are making good on that promise and advancing the Justice40 initiative and Bidenomics."

"For too long, historically disadvantaged communities have disproportionately shouldered the burdens of pollution and the worsening impacts of climate change," **said U.S. Senator Carper (D-DE), Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.** "Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act's unprecedented environmental justice block grants, EPA is helping communities across our nation build healthier futures. I commend the Biden Administration for its continued commitment to ensuring that all Americans have clean air and clean water, regardless of their zip code."

"By providing these investments to community-led initiatives that will protect and clean up our nation's air and water, we are helping protect the health and safety of all of America's families," **said U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL).** "As co-founder of the Senate's first-ever Environmental Justice Caucus, I'm proud to see the Biden Administration continue to prioritize long-underserved communities that have been disproportionately saddled with pollution and abandoned infrastructure, by providing them with the ability to achieve the cleaner air and water they need and deserve."

"All bold action that we take to address the climate crisis must be rooted in environmental justice. That is why I was proud to support the Inflation Reduction Act, which funds the Environmental Justice Government-to-Government grant. This federal grant funding from the EPA will finally address systemic racism related to environmental health in South Seattle and South King County," **said U.S. Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal (WA-07).** "The Biden-Harris administration's Justice40 initiative is doing great work to undo decades of underinvestment, as poor people and communities of color have been disproportionately impacted by the effects of the climate crisis, leading to adverse health outcomes. This investment, along with others, will allow our city and county to ensure that historically underserved communities have the resources they need to stay healthy."

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**Christopher Columbus Letter Describing Journey to the Americas Sells for \$3.9M**

Copies of the letter have long been the target of thefts and forgeries, but Christie's says this one is the real deal

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/christopher-columbus-letter-sells-for-nearly-4-million-180983120/>

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